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Dear Debra,

Your undated letter with a copy of Hal's rticle for the September issue reached me today. This is September, so I respond in haste, copy to the office and to Hal.

I'd never tried to fill in those gaps and what Hal did is at the least very interesting. Rankin and Warren met with "the Texans" on 1/24/64 and saw to it there would be no transcript by having no court reporter there.

You are welcome to use any of what you may want from any of my books in facsimile. I reproduced those two transcripts from the originals provided me, no changes by me.

By way of the comment you asked for perhaps the most interesting one would be to quote from Russell's assistant's letter to him of June 14, 1968, after reading the first of the Whitewash series and skimming the next two of that series and Oswald in New Orleans. His assistant, C.E.Campbell, said that we agree with Russell, not that he agrees with me and others, that the single bullet theory is impossible: "He completely agrees with your thesis, that no one shot hit both the President and the Governor."

Campbell said of my books and work,"His work is scholarly and evidences a tremenduous amount of research. His basic approach is not to try to prove that Oswald was innocent, although acceptance of his inferences, etc., lead to that conclusion."

Campbell noted what must have been a sore point for Russell in saying that I was critical of the Commission members because "it delegated too heavily to the staff."

The only explanation of "citizenship lawyer" I can think of is that Dean Andrews testified that Oswald also raised citizenship questions with him when Oswald saw him.

I think it is obvious that not a single one of those redactions was justified and, with both releases to me under FOIA, those redactions are outside the exemptions of that Act.

Glad to see that Hal has raised these questions and that you are calling them to public attention.

In haste, with best wishes,

Harold

Harold Weisberg